



## Cultural Resources At Fort Campbell



## Why are we here?

- There are many archaeological sites here at Fort Campbell
- The Cultural Resources Office is here to protect these sites
  - From intentional damage and looting
  - From accidental damage



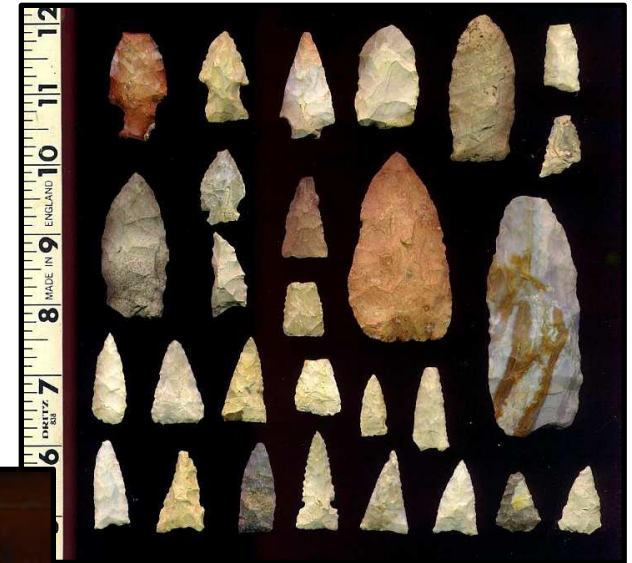
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## What is an Archaeological Site?

- Material remains of past human activity
  - Historic
    - Cemeteries
    - Homestead Sites
  - Prehistoric
    - Projectile Points (Arrowheads)
    - Pottery



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## What kinds of Archaeological Sites are on Post?

- **4** Historic Buildings/Structures
- **1,699** Archaeological Sites
  - **812** Prehistoric
  - **440** Historic
  - **447** Both
- **133** Cemeteries
- **1** Historic District (*Clarksville Base*)
- No ***Known*** Sacred Sites

## Historic Buildings



Parrish House

Childers House





## Prehistoric Sites





## Historic Sites





## Cemeteries







## Clarksville Base Historic District



- Associated with Cold War and storage of early nuclear weapon components
- 2<sup>nd</sup> of 13 original weapons storage areas built by Atomic Energy Commission
- Old Navy Base with Marine Guards

## Why should I care?

### Archaeology of Slavery

- Archaeology can help us understand how people *really* lived in the past
- Documents can be biased; history needs to be written from both archaeology and archives
- But once a site is destroyed, it is gone forever



**Tennessee/Kentucky State Line Marker**





## Can I take any artifacts I find?

- Short answer: **NO!**
- Long Answer:
  - *CONTEXT* is very important in archaeology, once it is gone, we can never get it back
  - Taking artifacts and digging into sites **DESTROYS** them
  - Removing artifacts is against the Uniform Code of Military Justice and could result in a court martial
  - These are **NOT** renewable resources!
  - But you can help us!



## What's the worst that could happen?

- There are many laws that protect archaeological resources
  - **Archaeological Resource Protection Act (1979)-Criminal**
  - Antiquities Act (1906)
  - Historic Sites Act (1935)
  - Reservoir Salvage Act (1948)
  - National Historic Preservation Act (1966, 1980, 1992)
  - National Environmental Policy Act (1969)
  - Archaeological Data Preservation Act (1974)
  - American Indian Religious Freedom Act (1978)
  - Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (1990)





## The Archaeological Resources Protection Act (1979)

- It is **ILLEGAL** to remove, excavate, damage, or alter archaeological sites on federal lands
- Punishable by **jail** time and **fines**





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## How can I protect these resources?

- Don't use cemeteries as firing points
- Don't dig into any archaeological sites
- Don't step in grave depressions (it's disrespectful and you could fall in!)
- Use the *Environmental Review Process*
- Contact Range & ITAM for *dig permits*
- If you find a site, please tell us so we can check to make sure that we know about it!
  - GPS coordinates, pictures







## Who should I contact?

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## What should I take away from this?

- There are archaeological sites here on post and, by law, it is your responsibility to help protect them
- By going through the Environmental Review Process, you are working with the Cultural Resources Office to ensure that your projects do not put sites in danger
- We DO NOT distribute site locations to protect them from looting but we CAN tell you where it is safe to work
- We need to know *what* you are doing and *where* you are doing it so that the sites are not unknowingly damaged



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## Remember: History Belongs to All of Us!

